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Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It is inappropriate to move forward with a project that will increase water deliveries by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the plan until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

Further, the DWR should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels and actually improves Delta water quality and wildlife habitat.

The evidence I have seen suggests that California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan demonstrates that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

My consideration of this issue is made from the viewpoint of a professional economist, having taught university-level economics for 36 years, including courses that deal with California water economics.

Sincerely,



Peter B. Lund